Medical Facilities to P&T Employees in Orissa

4013. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:
DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of medical/Health care facilities available or proposed to be made available to Telecom and Postal employees in Orissa; and

(b) the steps taken to set-up Polyclinics, Mini Hospitals in Telecom District Manager localities as well as at Bhubaneswar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The P&T employees of Orissa are eligible for Central Govt. medical attendance rules as Central Government employees elsewhere. In addition, to this P&T employees of Orissa are provided basic outdoor medical facilities through three P&T dispensaries situated at Bhubneswar/Cuttack and Berhampur Ganjam. Family Welfare Programme as well as Universal Immunisation Programme towards mother and child are also made available through these dispensaries. Primary laboratory test facilities are attached to all the three P&T dispensaries and basic tests are performed in these dispensaries.

Under the reimbursement of medical charges, employees where such dispensaries are not situated can get medical treatment from recognised, authorised medical attendants who are appointed by the Central Government. They are also eligible for full medical reimbursement at State Govt. and recognised hospitals in the case of major ailments as Coronary by-pass surgery, Kidney transplant, neorological surgery, cancer and other like-wise medical problems which are available also outside the state on due authorisation by the State Government.

(b) No proposal at present is being processed for setting up Polyclinics, Mini-Hospitals in Orissa.

[*Translation*]

Educational Facilities to Orphans

4014. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "En Bal Divas Par Uska Bachpan Chhina" appearing in Jansatta dated November 15, 1991;

(b) whether the Government have made any special arrangements for the education and other needs of or hans;

(c) if so, the details of arrangements made in this regard and the expenditure incurred on education, boarding and lodging of such orphans, handicapped children during the last three years;

(d) the action proposed by the Government in this regard during the current financial year; and

(e) the details of implementation of other related schemes and the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Under the Centrally sponsored scheme for the Welfare of Children in Need of Care and Protection for orphans, destitute and the neglected children, assistance to voluntary organisations upto 90% of the cost is given. The expenditure on financial assistance to voluntary organisations is shared equally by the Central and the State Govern-

ment concerned. The voluntary organisation concerned is required to contribute 10% of the expenditure but only 5% in case of voluntary organisations in tribal areas. Financial assistance of Rs. 250/- per child per month is given to cover recurring items like food, clothing soap, oil, electricity and water charges, textbooks, vocational training, health etc. and rent of Rs. 40/- per child per month. Financial assistance of Rs. 500/- per child is given for initial non-recurring items like furniture, vocational training equipment, utensils bed and bedding etc. The expenditure incurred under the scheme during the last 3 years is as fellows:-

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	289
1989-90	340
1990-91	500

Government through its scheme of Assistance to Organisation for the Disabled Persons is assisting, through grant-in-aid, a number of voluntary organisations running special Schools for Mentally Handicapped Children. Disabled children are also being provided aids and airliances either free or at subsidised rates, based on certain income criteria for the parents, under the Aids and Appliances Scheme of the Government. Spastic children were assisted through Government grants to spastic societies as follows:-

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-90	46.94
1989-90	35.43
1090-91	58.04

Government is also implementing a Childhood Disability Project with assistance from UNICEF (on which Rs. 18.46 lakhs was spent in 1991-92 till September, 1991).

(d) Both the Schemes are being continued during the current financial year (1991-92). Under the scheme for the Welfare of Children in Need of Care and Protection, the budget provision for the current financial year is Rs. 885 lakhs whereas for the scheme of Assistance to Organisations for the Disabled Persons the budget provision is Rs. 470 lakhs.

(e) Since 1986-87, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment is in operation for effective implementation of Juvenile Justice Act, 1986. Under this Scheme, the grants are provided to the State Governments for setting up of and upgradation of facilities in children institutions, namely, Observation Homes, Juvenile Homes, Special Homes and after Care Homes, Specal Homs and after Care Homes,etc. for neglected and delinquent juveniles. The expenditure on the setting up of institutions is shared on 50:50 basis between the Central and State Governments and when incurred through voluntary organisations on 45:45:10 (in tribal areas on 47.5 : 47.5 :5) basis. The expenditure incurred during the last three years under the scheme is as follows:-

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	299
1989-90	360
1990-91	402

A provision of Rs. 600 lakhs has been made during the current financial year.